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FORT HOOD ANNOUNCES AVIATION UNIT DEPLOYMENT

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FORT HOOD, Texas - Fort Hood officials announced today the deployment of approximately 2,600 additional forces to Afghanistan, part of the 30,000 troops authorized by President Obama on Nov. 30. The 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Hood, Texas, will deploy to Afghanistan in the summer of 2010.

The deployment of this brigade will increase the capabilities of the International Security Assistance Force.

"It's an honor to be a part of the president's surge, to support our infantry brothers," said Col. Daniel E. Williams, commander of the 4th CAB, 4ID, "We're ready."

4th CAB last deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom June 2008 through June 2009 to Camp Taji, Iraq.

"Our Soldiers, feel this is the right thing to do," added Williams. "They understand the mission is not complete. They are proud of their service in the U.S. Army and in helping the Afghanistan people gain control of their country."

For additional information on the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, contact Fort Hood Public Affairs at 254-287-0106/9993.

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